

# CALVERT CURRENTS

October 2019



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**Board of County Commissioners members are, from left, Vice President Kelly D. McConkey, Mike Hart, President Thomas "Tim" Hutchins, Steven R. Weems and Earl "Buddy" Hance**

## Calvert County Transportation Plan Update



Calvert County Government, with the help of consulting firm Sabra & Associates, is working to update the Calvert County Transportation Plan in conjunction with the county's zoning ordinance and town center master plans.

The transportation plan update encompasses a countywide look at our roadway infrastructure. Our goal is to identify solutions to transportation issues that can be accomplished at a low cost and in a short time frame: adjusting stop lights for peak time to allow for better traffic flow, lane change adjustments and increasing driver awareness of alternative routes to avoid bottle necks, to name a few.

This long-range policy document guides decisions and sets a vision to integrate multimodal (diverse mobility options such as walking, cycling and public transit)

transportation planning with land use, historic preservation, open space and community facilities. The transportation plan will not, however, include a closer look at individual town center roadway systems; those updates will be made in the specific town center master plans. The following major elements will be addressed in the transportation plan:

- Continue to focus on highway improvement priorities in coordination with the state
- Improve countywide traffic issues
- Continue to support town center development
- Emphasize multimodal transportation
- Embrace smart technology

### **Next Steps**

The Calvert County Department of Planning & Zoning received public comments on the draft Calvert County Transportation Plan and held a work session to receive comments on September 26, 2019. What happens next?

- The draft plan undergoes 60-day agency review.
- The Planning Commission holds a public hearing this winter.
- Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) holds work session and public hearing.
- BOCC takes action on the plan.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the [Transportation Plan project page](#) for updates and information on next steps.

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## **Board Celebrates New Beginnings in Calvert County**



Earlier this month, Southern Maryland's fourth American Job Center (AJC) was opened in Prince Frederick. Located at 200 Duke St., the AJC provides resources to help job seekers achieve their employment goals as well as assists businesses in finding valuable employees. The board showed their appreciation for the partnership between the

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Calvert County Department of Social Services, which made the new location possible and thanked both organizations for their continued support for citizens and businesses in the county.

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## **Stay Protected Online this October for Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

The BOCC recently recognized the month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month in Calvert County. This year's theme is Own IT. Secure IT. Protect IT.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an annual effort to

prevent online security problems. Here are some tips to help citizens avoid becoming a victim of a cybercrime:

- **Stay safe on social media:** Don't share too much information about yourself to avoid becoming a target.
- **Exercise app safety:** It's important to choose your apps carefully. Look out for permissions an app is asking to access and deny anything that seems unnecessary.
- **Use strong passwords:** Use strong, safe password protocol when choosing a password and change them regularly to keep your accounts safe.
- **Stay safe shopping online:** Never connect to public Wi-Fi networks while shopping and use bookmarks rather than links to reach sites.
- **Avoid phishing expeditions:** Be cautious and never share sensitive information through email.



For more valuable information about cybersecurity, visit [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) and [www.stopthinkconnect.org](http://www.stopthinkconnect.org).

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October is Adopt a Dog Month! We're celebrating by encouraging potential adopters to adopt a dog from the Linda L. Kelley Animal Shelter. If you're interested in bringing home a new four-legged friend, now's a great time to visit the shelter to [see the available dogs](#).

If you're not in a position to adopt but want to support the shelter, there are a number of ways to do so. Please consider [making a donation toward the shelter's wish list](#) or fostering one of their pups. Foster care is the ideal place to house homeless pets: it's humane, cost-effective and a safe alternative to shelter life!

We're proud to be part of such a caring and kind community. Residents from all over the county have come forth since the shelter opened to offer to their hearts and their homes to animals in need. It is our hope that you can continue to do so and share this promotion with friends and family. Together, we can achieve more!

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Each year, the BOCC acknowledges local volunteers through the Calvert You Are Beautiful Volunteer Awards program. The 2019 awards program recognized 15 nominees who make the Calvert



## Have a Ghoulish Good Time this Fall in Calvert County

Fall is a great time of year to enjoy fun family activities. The Calvert County Department of Parks & Recreation invites citizens to celebrate the season with the following festive outings:

**Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 6-7 p.m.:**

Family Pumpkin Paint & Decorate

**Sunday, Oct. 27 from 2-4 p.m.:**

Halloween Family Fun Day

For more information or to register for an event, visit [online](#) or call 410-535-1600, ext. 2649.

County community a better place through their volunteerism.

Visit the [Calvert County Government website](#) to see the nominees and learn more about Calvert County's beautiful people.

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Calvert County's weekly farmers markets are wrapping up for the season. Visit the Lusby and Prince Frederick markets before they close! Hours and locations are [online](#).



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Sincerely,  
*Calvert County Board of County Commissioners*

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